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TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD R.)

SUBJ: PRESEDENTIAL VISIT - GOJ OPPOSITION TO C-141 LANDING AT OSAKA

REF STATE 247751

WHITE HOUSE REPEAT TO ADVANCE PARTY AS FLASH ON
AIRCRAFT SAM 26000 FOR HENKEL, LWASON, ADAMS AND KEISER

KOBE FOR URSOMARSO

FROM CAVNEY

1. BASED ON 11/10 PRE-ADVANCED PARTY GUIDANCE OF VERY STRONG
DESIRE TO LAND C-141 IN OSAKA, COMPLETED LATEST ROUND OF
NEGOTIATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR UCHIDA AND DCM OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OKAWARA, STRESSING EXTREME URGENCY OF A SOLUTION
REGARDING OSAKA. GOJ REMAINS FIRM IN STATEMENT THAT A/C
DOES NOT YET HAVE PERMISSION TO LAND IN OSAKA.

2. UCHIDA STATED THAT PROBLEM COULD
NOT BE SOLVED ON VICE MINISTERIAL LEVEL HE OKAWARA
HAVE ESCALATED DISCUSSION TO FOREIGN MINISTER.
THEY INTEND DISCUSS MATTER WITH NEW CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY,
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AND PLAN TO GO TO TANAKA FOR ULTIMATE DECISION. UCHIDA NOTED

THAT IN ADDITION TO VICE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION, VICE MINISTER COMMUNICATION ALSO STRONGLY OPPOSED. LATTER EVIDENTLY CONCERNED THAT SHOULD NATURE OF CARGO BECOME KNOWN, CONTROVERSY WOULD ARISE OVER USE OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT BY FOREIGN PERSONNEL CONTRARY TO JAPANESE LAWS, AN ISSUE WHICH MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS HOPES TO FINESSE UNDER AGREEMENTS ALREADY REACHED WITH US.

3. GOJ CABINET RESHUFFLE TONIGHT HAS FURTHER COMPLICATED DECISION MAKING AND EXTREMELY SENSITIVE POLITICAL DECISION ON THIS MATTER. UCHIDA INDICATED MATTER OF NOVEMBER 12 FLIGHT WILL BE PLACED BEFORE FIRST MEETING OF NEW CABINET AT 1000 A.. NOVEMBER 12.

4. OPTIONS DISCUSSED CENTERED ON ALTERNATIVE USE OF KOMAKI (JASDF BASE NEAR NAGOYA). BASED ON OUR 11/10 DISCUSSION WITH PRE-ADVANCE PARTY, WE RELATED THAT WE UNDERSTOOD KOMAKI WAS NOT FEASIBLE. (SUBSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT KOMAKI COULD BE USED WITH A SOUGHT DEGRADATION OF QUALITY OF SUPPORT FACILITIES. KOMAKI WOULD INVOLVE APPROX FOUR HOURS OF LAND TRANSPORT TO KYOTO.) WE ALSO RESTATED PRE-ADVANCE PARTY'S DEEP CONCERN THAT POSSIBLE MECHANICAL DAMAGE OR SECURITY RISKS ARE INCREASED IN A TEN-HOUR TRUCK TRANSIT FROM YOLOTA TO KYOTO.

5. UCHIDA SAID MANY PEOPLE IN GOJ INDEED NEED FOR COMM GEAR IN KYOTO AS WELL AS DANGERS IN LAND TRANSPORT, HOWEVER, SAME OFFICIALS HAVE DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING WHY PRESIDENTIAL VEHICLES CANNOT BE TRANSPORTED OVER LAND. ALTHOUGH UCHIDA STATED THAT THE TWO MOVEMENTS ARE SEPARATE PROBLEMS, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT HE BELIEVES PROSPECTS FOR FAVORABLE DECISION ON COMM GEAR WOULD BE IMPROVED IF WE COULD AGREE TO BRING PRESIDENTIAL CARS INTO YOKOTA OR KOMAKI AND COMPLETE MOVEMENT OVER LAND. WE BELIEVE CHANCES ARE BETTER THAN EVEN WE WILL GET FAVORABLE DECISION ON NOVEMBER 12 FLIGHT, ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE SOME DELAY NECESSITATING LAY-OVER AT YOLOTA. FAVORABLE DECISION, HOWEVER, WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCOMPANIED BY GOJ REQUEST WE MOVE PRESIDENTIAL CARS OVERLAND AS INDICATED PARA 4 ABOVE. K FAVORABLE DECISION ON NOVEMBER 12 FLIGHT NOT FORTHCOMING, WE WILL HAVE EXHAUSTED APPROACHES TO GOJ.

6. AM ALARMED THAT AS MATTERS NOW STAND GOJ INDECISION ON OSAKA WILL FORCE US TO LAND AT YOLOTA AND SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSPORT COMM GEAR OVERLAND ON ORDER TO INSTALL PROPERLY

IN TIME FOR VISIT. THIS, OBVIOUSLY, CAUSES ESTABLISHMENT OF A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE SUPPORT OF PRESIDENTIAL TRAVEL. BELIEVE THEREFORE WE MUST PRESS FOR GOJ FINAL DECISIONS BY NOON, NOVEMBER 12 TOKYO TIME.

7. OPTIONS ARE:

A. PRESS FOR IMMEDIATE FAVORABLE GOJ DECISION ON OSAKA. TO INFLUENCE THIS, CONSIDER LANDING PRESIDENTIAL CARS AT YOKOTA OR KOMAKI.

B. OFFER TO LAND AT KOMAKI AND OFF-LOAD.

C. SEND C-141 TO YOKOTA AND CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE FOR ONWARD FLIGHT IN OSAKA. DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE BY NOON LOCAL NOVEMBER 13.

D. LAND C-141 AT YOKOTA AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OVERLAND TO KYOTO.

E. OVERNIGHT C-141 IN ELMENDORF AND CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS.

8. REQUEST URGENT GUIDANCE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 12 (KYOTO TIME).

THE FOLLOWING TEL SENT TOKYO INFO SEOUL AND KOBE IS H/W REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

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WE HAVE DISCUSSED PROBLEM AND OPTIONS RAISED RETEL WITH WHITE HOUSE AND HAVE DETERMINED THAT EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE ONE FURTHER APPEAL TO GOJ TO ARRANGE FOR LANDING OF C-141S AT OSAKA. IF THIS APPEAL FAILS OR IF EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GOJ ESTIMATES OF DANGERS OF DEMONSTRATIONS ARE SERIOUS, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE BEST ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS POSSIBLE. JASDF FIELD NEAR NAGOYA WOULD SEEM PREFERABLE.

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